



From the Pastor...



Acts 2:1-4

2:1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Sunday May 23rd is Pentecost Sunday. Although Pentecost Sunday does not receive the attention or publicity of Christmas or Easter, Christian Tradition holds this Holy Day in equal esteem to those days of special celebration and worship.

Pentecost Sunday is the celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit fifty days after Easter. It is historically related to the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot which was celebrated fifty days after Passover and celebrated the gift of the 10 Commandments to Israel.

The question is, what is important about the Holy Spirit? Although the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, it is often misunderstood. Even though we sing; 'Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost' every Sunday, we know very little about this 'Holy Ghost,' and what we do know we associate with the charismatic Pentecostal movement, and their speaking in tongues, dancing and in some extreme cases, snake handling.

But this is not all there is to know about the Holy Spirit. The earliest Baptists relied on the Holy Spirit when they left the Anglican Church and began to study the Bible on their own, and ordain their pastors on their own. They were not confident in their own intelligence, education or will, but in the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



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Daniel Migliore highlights five works of the Holy Spirit which are as follows. The Holy Spirit:

- *Makes Christ present to believers in every time and place
- *Creates new life
- *Liberates and Unites the faithful
- *Promises a Future with Christ
- *Empowers the Church with gifts such as love, joy, peace, patience, encouragement, teaching, and preaching

Through the end of April and into May we will be exploring what the Bible teaches us about the Holy Spirit in a sermon series entitled 'Empowered for Tomorrow.'

God Bless,

Pastor Dawn



Finance News

The Finance Committee has authorized the House Committee to begin a multi step program to make the church more energy efficient. This will include replacing older single pane windows with newer energy-tight windows, replacing older storm coverings over the exterior of six stained glass windows, and replacing two of the newer front windows that have lost their seals. For those wishing to donate to the window fund, envelopes will be available in the pew each Sunday, or you may note window contributions on your weekly offering envelope. The cost per basement replacement windows will be \$200 each. You may wish to donate an entire window or two, a half a window, or any portion of a window that fits into your budget. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.



Worship & Fellowship News

As we celebrate the month of May I thought about what May stands for. The month of May is a celebration of Spring, which started in England where people danced or swayed around a "May Pole" with different colored ribbons.



It's a season of new beginnings as we in the Christian church will be celebrating Pentecost which means the speaking of tongues, and the Holy Spirit descending upon believers of Christian faith. Lets all wear red on Pentecost Sunday which is May 23 to help celebrate this very special day.



This month we will also have an "Invite a Friend" Day. This will be held on May 16. If you would like to invite someone to services that day please let us know as soon as possible so that we could send out an invitation to them. Please know that we will not be putting them on a mailing list.

We have also brought back babysitting during the service. The teen group as well as a parent when needed will be watching your little angels. This service is for children grades 1 and under. Please bring your children's favorite toys to play with as the church has no room to store toys for the little ones. Please also feel free to stay with your child if he or she is uncertain. We welcome all.

Thanks to all the members of this committee for all there hard work.

Peace and joy, Deb Ferland

A Mother's Heart



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A mother's hands are gentle as she wipes away our tears; a mother's arms bring comfort as she helps us face our fears. A mother's heart is loving -- a true reflection of the peace found in our Savior and His everlasting love.



American Baptist Women



Women Destined For God's Purpose

American Baptist Women & Girls Spring Conference will be held at Canonicus Camp & Conference Center on **Friday June 4th to Saturday June 5th**

Distinctive Guest Speaker is Rev Susan Omanson of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Susan began a ministry in Sioux Falls from grant funding from Break the Chains in 2008. Susan's mission ministry, Elizabeth House, empowers women to experience life-changing transformation through the love of God. She volunteers in Bangkok at the NightLight Ministries where missionary Annie Dieselberg serves. Susan possesses a heart for oppressed & needy people.

Lectio Divina Bible Study with Rev Liliana DaValle Friday evening.

Workshops, one each for mind*body*soul/spirit* on Saturday.

Sister to Sister Walk Friday begins at 5:45pm. *See Walk Sponsor form in K.I.T.

~Attend to experience leadership development, spiritual inspiration, mission study themes and ABW of RI ministry booths!

~Attend to experience your destination for God's Purpose & Preparation for His Kingdom!

~Attend to experience building, reconnecting & nurturing life-long friendships with other Women who love the Lord as you do!

Bring your Bible, any items for Swap, your friend/sister & YOU!

For more information:

*Inquiries about conference, call Donna Lucy @ 401.651.5242

*Directions to Canonicus, call 401.294.6318 ext 7

*National ABW website, www.abwministries.org

Registration is due May 22!

Registration forms can be found at the church on the bulletin board.



3 B's Women's Ministry Group



Celebration of Women month is here. Mother's Day, Mary Kay Ash's birthday and 3B's meeting on May 15th at 9am. Flowers & perennials are blooming and so is our relationship with Our Lord and Savior. Each day brings us closer to knowing His Love and finding our purpose to build His Kingdom. Celebrate your self this month by granting 'time' to experience what you need to refill your spiritual pitcher. Those sisters who really know me, will say.... "again, that spiritual pitcher story." And once again yes.....that spiritual pitcher needs filling from time to time. Grant yourself a gift of time. You deserve this!

I'll be in Washington D.C. on May 3&4 for a Human Trafficking Issue Event coordinated by Peggy Burke, from ABW National in Valley Forge, PA. I will share my story & experiences with all of you soon. Visit our website www.abwministries.org to find out what is happening and get involved.

Sharing this invite with you all....if you knit or crochet, the Prayer Shawl Ministry is waiting for you. Join me as we carpool to Oaklawn Baptist Church in Cranston on May 18th from 10-1. Let me know and I'll call in our r.s.v.p. We need to bring a bag lunch.

Remember to pray about attending the conference for women of RI at Canonicus the first weekend of June. I PERSONALLY INVITE YOU to come with us~~~~ Your life will be grateful you did this. If this will be your first time and you want to attend (but money a hardship that month) speak with Sue or I and we'll discuss scholarship options.

Remember to:

count you many blessings one by one

call someone who needs to hear your voice

make a positive difference for yourself

experience something positive out of your comfort zone

aspire greatness in His Name

call Kathy R on May 29 and tell her you love her →



3 B's Women's Group (continued)



refill your spiritual pitcher one ounce at a time

know that you are loved

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

-Jeremiah 29:13 NIV

You are the seed that decides the harvest around you.

Plant yourself on solid ground and Grow!

Grow in His Love,

Donna



From Our Mailbox



Dear Church Family,

My family and I thank you for your support and love through this most difficult time of our lives, the death of my beloved husband Don, amazing father, dear papa, and wonderful relative and friend.

Don's love for his church and church people was so bountiful. He had, as you know, such interest in so many aspects of church life, from history to finance to just loving each and every one of you. ❤️

And you came to honor him for his funeral service, what a beautiful, full, lovely church we walked into. It was great arms of love surrounding us all. Courage comes when you look out and see faces of love and compassion. Beautiful music, words of Don's optimism through all his Earthly trials, and readings of great meaning and comfort and prayers. These remembrances will stay with us forever.

Thank you for loving Don so much, for your help through his illness, for your visits, your beautiful cards, your care, your prayers, your many prayers. Don is just a breath away and he will always love his Berean Baptist Church family.

With much love,

Nancy Campbell & Family

Off The Beaten Path

I did not expect to find this. But there it is. It seems so fragile and delicate and in such an inhospitable place too. It's the wild columbine, a stunning scarlet and yellow display of nodding flowers distinctive for their five petals that project backwards into long drooping spurs which contain the nectar so beloved by hummingbirds. They are among the few pollinating creatures capable of reaching so deeply inside with their long tongues. It's a clever evolutionary design which protects the precious nectar from random thieving insects. I'm sitting at the base of a tall rocky ledge and partway up in a narrow cleft is found this columbine, a spot one would never imagine that a flower would favor. One finds that it prefers to be precariously perched at odd angles in scarce soils in rocky terrain. So graceful and attractive is this native wildflower that plant breeders have now developed numerous garden cultivars. But the store bought varieties, although larger and just as colorful, never can match the elfin beauty of the native found wild in nature. One colonial poet describes the columbine as a beauty which when its blossoms are swaying in the breeze calls to mind a group of skirted elves dancing to the music of rustling leaves. Yet it's tough in spite of its delicateness for it can be found at altitudes from sea level to nearly six thousand feet. Amazing for a wildflower.



“Aquilegia” (eagle) is part of its Latin name and may come from the fanciful resemblance of the flower's spurs to an eagle's talons. Or the combination of “aqua” and “lego”(water and to collect) may refer to its nectar-holding spurs. Also possible is the Latin “columba” meaning dove which describes the flight of a bird of peace, not war as befitting so delicate a wild beauty. Whatever its ancient roots, lost in time, columbine was once touted as a candidate for our national flower. →

Off The Beaten Path (continued)

Columbine has a strong New England history. On Memorial Day, it was used to garnish the graves of veterans, its bright scarlet portraying the blood shed for peace. Another less noble use was to present a woman with a bouquet of columbines to hint that her lover or husband was unfaithful. Native Indians of course found numerous practical applications such as using the tiny seeds to treat and reduce fever and headache. Also fairly common was the rubbing of seeds onto the head to control lice, a medicinal necessity adopted by our colonial ancestors. Thank goodness today for CVS. Never the less, the American wild columbine is fast disappearing from the local landscape and we all may be the poorer for it. Its history and fragility bring to mind that gospel image that as our Creator so cared for the lilies of the field, would He not also care at least so much more for us. That a tiny flower has the power to bring such an image to mind perhaps best happens off the beaten path.

Don Waterman

Please remember to thank those who have sung in our choir this year before they take their summer hiatus after June 6th.



Your music minister,
Gary



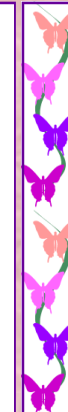
Carillon Women's Chorus Spring Concert

Saturday, May 15th 7:00pm

Glad Tidings Community
Church
(Victory Highway, Chepachet)

Free Admission

Light refreshments will follow



Just a reminder...

The craft circle will not be meeting on Monday nights for the time being. Stay tuned if anything changes. The craft circle will continue to meet on Tuesday afternoons 1-3pm at Ashton Court for all those interested.



Outreach News



Join us for a night of dinner and dancing at the Columbus Club of Burrillville on Roosevelt Ave. in Pascoag

*Music will be by "True North"

*Chicken Dinner served at 6:30pm

*Door Prizes/Raffle

Adults \$20 / Kids 6-12 \$10 / Kids 5 and under are free

Proceeds to benefit the Outreach programs of Berean Baptist Church that service our community including Emergency Food Pantry, Clothes Closet, Holiday Food Baskets, Heating Assistance and the Summer Lunch Program.

Don't Miss It!! Tickets are on sale now!

For info or tickets, contact Kathy Roberts, Rhonda Stanish or the church office

Camp Canonicus News



Camp Canonicus Beaver Day

May 15, 2010

Beaver days are volunteer work days held each spring that help prepare the camp for the summer season. Volunteers work 9am-3pm. Lunch is provided. Projects range from painting to carpentry to brush clearing and removal. All ages and skills are welcome. 8:30am is sign-in, coffee & doughnuts.

For more info or to register, please contact Colleen Tolhurst or Chris Lussier at 401-294-6318 or camp@canonicus.org

Come by yourself or part of a group!

Invite a Friend Sunday

Invite a Friend Sunday will be held on

May 16, 2010



Over the new few weeks, we will ask you to give us the name and address of a friend whom you think would enjoy worship with us. We will send a personal invitation to them on church letterhead. We will not inundate them with other mail, just an invitation to worship.

Please fill out below and return to the church office.

Guest of: _____

Friend's Name: _____

Friend's Address: _____

Women's Ministry Survey

We would like to hear from you as we plan for 2010-2011.

1. What would you consider to be the most important to you?

Bible study Discipleship Ministry
 Prayer Fellowship

2. What times would you prefer for a Bible study?

Sunday evening Saturday morning
 Other _____

3. What topics interest you most?

Personal growth & development
 Book of the Bible Spiritual Gifts
 Marriage Parenting
 Preferred Author _____

4. Would you need childcare?

Yes No

5. Would you be willing to facilitate a study?

Yes No

6. What activity(ies) would you participate in?

Retreat Conference Luncheon
 Ministry project Mission trip

7. Are you available to assist with leadership in any of these areas?

Yes No
 If yes, which area(s)? _____

Thank You for taking TIME to do this survey

Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Fill in survey and forward to Donna Landry (DEADLINE IS June 1, 2010) and receive a Diva Design*



Happy Birthday!

May 4th - Matt Larence	May 7th - June Bizier
May 13th - Don Wolfe	May 16th - Doris Crockett
May 18th - Bea Steere	May 19th - Collin Ferland
May 24th - Brian Ferland	May 25th - Phyllis Jaswell
May 28th - Rhonda Stanish	

If I forgot your Birthday, please let me know so I can add it!




REMINDERS

Flowers help beautify our Sanctuary
 and can be given
 "In Honor of" or "In Memory of"
 a special someone or event or "Just Because".

Next newsletter: June 2010.

Committee Chairpersons:
 Please submit your report to the Church Secretary
 on or before **May 17th.**